November 5, 2004

Federal Aviation Administration
Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP-500
Attn: Mr. Kenneth Ball, Room 619
800 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Ball:

Reference: DOT/FAA Docket No. FAA-2004-18925, Airport Improvement Program Grant
Assurances; Proposed Modifications and Opportunity to Comment.

EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) is the world leader in recreational
aviation. With an international membership of 171,000 people in more than 100
nations, EAA brings together aviation enthusiasts, pilots and aircraft owners
who are dedicated to the continued growth of aviation, the preservation of its
history and a commitment to aviation's future. EAA programs, activities and
events are known throughout the world for supporting aviation safety and
promoting personal enjoyment and responsibility within an aviation lifestyle.
These efforts are made possible through massive volunteer involvement in support
of the organization, as well as EAA's special interest Divisions, and a global
network of nearly 1,000 local Chapters and the affiliated National Association
of Flight Instructors (NAFI).

EAA has reviewed the proposed revision to the FAA Grants of Assurances and does
not have specific comments for improvement. However, in the interest of
National Security EAA strongly recommends the following note be added to
paragraph C 17, Hanger Construction, when these revised Grants of Assurances are
incorporated into FAA Order 5100.30, Appendix 1:

    "NOTE: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has determined that the
storage in hangers is one of the most effective methods of securing General
Aviation (GA) aircraft from the national security threats facing America. The
FAA endorses this security finding and encourages airport sponsors to plan for
sufficient hanger construction to meet GA user demands in future Airport Master
Plans. TSA Information Publication A-001, May 2004, Security Guidelines for
General Aviation Airports."

Sincerely,

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